

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

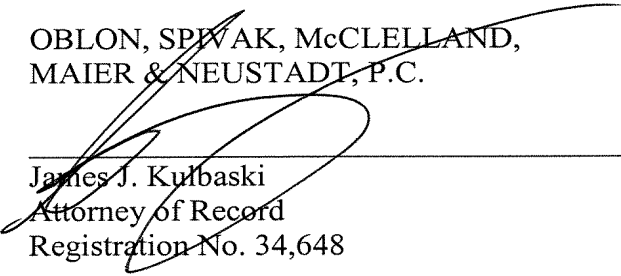
Claims 3-5 and 20-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-19 have been canceled by the present amendment. No new matter is presented.

In the outstanding *Ex Parte* Quayle Office Action, the application was indicated as allowable pending the cancellation of withdrawn Claims 6-19. In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for formal allowance.

Accordingly, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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